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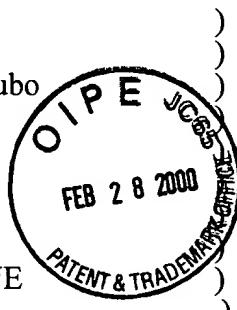
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment "A" in the captioned application, for which no additional claim(s) fee is due.

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 1999 in the above-referenced application, applicant submits the following amendment:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The drawings are to be corrected as proposed in a separate document entitled LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON which is being submitted simultaneously herewith.